Adirondack District

Lay Servant Course
Offerings
Basic--Advanced
Certified Lay Ministry
2020-2021
Plus CLM

New dates will be added as they are scheduled.

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The following 7 courses lead to Certification in Lay Servant, Certified Lay Speaker and lays the foundation for the Certified Lay Minister Course.

Contact adschmidt@nycap.rr.com for more information about when the course cycle will begin again. The CLM course will be offered next year in the Fall. Check back for updates or contact Arlene for more information. **Participants are responsible to purchase books for courses attending.** Books are listed below with course descriptions.

### Basic Lay Servant Course

Basic is the foundation for all Lay Servant courses. In this course, you will be encouraged to discover and employ personal spiritual gifts as God intended. Participants are invited to consider the importance of exercising servant leadership, developing future leaders, remaining rooted in consistent spiritual practices, and being part of a leader in mission and ministry in the community and in daily life.

**“Lay Servant Ministries: Basic Course Participant’s Book.”**

### Advanced Course: Discover Your Spiritual Gifts

This course helps participants understand spiritual gifts and how the church can use them to fulfill its mission and ministry. Participants will also learn what it means to be a spiritual leader and will be equipped to lead others in exploring and using their spiritual gifts.

**“Each One a Minister” by William J. Carter**

### Advanced Course: From Your Heart to Theirs: Delivering an Effective Sermon

Moving beyond the basics of public speaking and the foundations necessary for preparing an engaging sermon, this course also includes types of sermons—from exegetical to topical to children’s sermons—as well as how to find a story, how to use the hymnal, and how to move from communication on paper to beyond the paper.

**“From Your Heart to Theirs,” Participant’s Guide (Print Book) Delivering an Effective Sermon by Tony Franks and David Carroll.**

### Advanced Course: United Methodist Heritage

This course will explore the special gifts of theology, witness, and organization that The United Methodist Church brings to the church universal, how we got where we are today, and how our distinctive emphasis are still needed in the 21st century. **“Living Our Beliefs: The United Methodist Way,” by Kenneth Carder.”**

### Advanced Course: Polity-Life Together in the United Methodist Connection. UMC Polity** will help participants understand some of the questions about the governance of the UMC. It will help church leaders answer questions, help newcomers to the UMC to get their bearings, and help longtime members consider the specific structural challenges the church faces in the 21st Century. Why does the United Methodist Church do things the way it does? What are the rules - and why are they the rules? The purchase of the 2016 Book of Discipline is highly recommended for this course, and is available through Cokesbury.

**"The Method of Our Mission" By Laceye C. Warner.**

### Advanced Course: Leading Prayer:

Praying in public can be daunting, but prayer is something one learns. This course on praying in public will help the participant grow in confidence and skill in public prayer and enrich their personal prayer life. It may challenge some of your assumptions, test some of your preconceived ideas, stretch your thinking, and enrich your prayer life. At the very least it will present you with an opportunity to grow in the discipline of leading public prayer. **“Shaping the Prayers of the People” by Samuel Wells & Abigail Kocher**

### Advanced Course: Leading Worship

Focuses on the ministry of the lay servant who either regularly or occasionally leads a group or congregation in worship. The course will help participants understand the history of Christian worship, paying particular attention to the development of current United Methodist ritual and ritual resources, the basic pattern of worship, the Christian year, and the Revised Common Lectionary.

**“Worshiping with United Methodists” (revised) Hoyt Hickman**

### Certified Lay Minister course will be offered again in the Fall of 2021

Anyone interested in this course please email adschmidt@nycap.rr.com for the clergy and candidate packets. Start early, it is highly recommended that interested persons become a Certified Lay Speaker before taking the CLM course.

**Prerequisites for this course are Basic and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. Basic is being offered in October 2020 (see below). Check back for updated schedule.**
**Basic Course: Basic Lay Servant**  
Mondays October 19, 22  5:30-8:30  
Thursdays October 26, 29  5:30-8:30  
Zoom  
Course Fee: $15  
To register, contact Arlene Schmidt at adschmidt@nycap.rr.com

If you are interested in Certified Lay Ministry, prerequisites are the Basic Course and Discovering Your Spiritual Gifts. It is highly recommended that the five additional courses for Certified Lay Speaker be taken.

Dates for those additional courses are to be scheduled.

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*To request more information or to register for any of these courses please contact:*

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